

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn[®]

An Evidence-Informed, Promising Practice Supporting Family, Friend and Neighbor Caregivers and Parents



Kaleidoscope Play & Learn groups are weekly facilitated play groups for young children and their Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers and parents.

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn grew out of Child Care Resources' work to provide support and information to Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers – the thousands of grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, family friends and neighbors who take care of young children while their parents are at work.

The program is based on widely recognized and accepted theories and best practices in the fields of child development; early learning; parent education; Family, Friend and Neighbor care; community development; and cultural competence. It was designated as a Promising Practice by the University of Washington's Evidence-Based Practice Institute in 2013.

Helping Families Prepare Children for Kindergarten

Each group has a trained facilitator who plans and sets up fun, culturally- and developmentally-appropriate play activities for the children and their caregivers to participate in together. Through facilitator guidance and modeling, conversation, peer learning, and hands-on experience, caregivers learn what they can do at home to support children's learning and healthy development.

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn groups are held in a variety of neighborhood locations, such as libraries, community centers, schools, apartment buildings and shopping centers. There are groups in different languages; some are multilingual. Most groups are free, drop-in, and open to young children of all ages.

Research-informed Protective Factors lead to optimal child and family well-being:

- ✓ Children's social and emotional development
- ✓ Knowledge of child development
- ✓ Social connections
- ✓ Support when needed
- ✓ Parental and caregiver resilience

Significant, Positive Outcomes

Child Care Resources conducts ongoing evaluation measuring the outcomes caregivers experience as a result of participating in Kaleidoscope Play & Learn. Highlights from our evaluation include:

- **70.6% of caregivers and parents reported increasing their knowledge "a lot more"** about their role in helping children be ready for school, what to expect of children of different ages, or how children learn through play
- **82% reported changing what they do with the children in their care "a lot more"**. This includes spending time talking and doing activities with the children, reading or looking at books, and helping children talk about and understand their feelings.

Our Theory of Change

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn provides Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers and parents with information, resources, support and connections

so that

Caregivers and parents provide high quality child care and healthy development

so that

All children receive high quality care in safe, nurturing environments and are prepared to succeed in school and life

We recently completed a multi-year Outcome Pilot Study using standardized measurement tools. The Final Report prepared by Organizational Research Services is available upon request.

Reaching a Diversity of Families

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn reaches communities more likely to experience school preparation gaps: immigrant and refugee families, families with low incomes, and families of color.

- 49% of participants speak a language other than English at home
- 43% have low incomes (less than 200% below the poverty level for a family of 4 --\$44,000 per year)
- 61% identify themselves as a race/ethnicity other than White or as having one or more races/ethnicities in addition to White

Quick Facts

- 80+ weekly groups
- 35 community organizations
- 8 different languages
- 3,000+ unduplicated participating families
- 50% groups conducted in languages other than English

Child Care Resources: Home of the Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Model

During the last 10 years, Child Care Resources has worked with over 100 community partners – including community-based social service organizations, public agencies, and private funders -- to develop the Kaleidoscope Play & Learn model using knowledge gleaned from formal outcomes evaluation as well as practice in the field. To support the quality and replication of Kaleidoscope Play & Learn in King County and beyond, Child Care Resources provides:



- Guidelines and standards
- Outcomes evaluation
- Facilitator training
- Materials, including the *Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Planning Handbook & Tool Kit* and the *Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Caregiver Learning Handbook & Lesson Guides*
- Consultation and technical assistance on planning and implementation

Community Partners Throughout Washington State

Community organizations, schools, libraries and faith-based communities across the state have embraced the Kaleidoscope Play & Learn model. Organizations providing the program commit to offering groups in accordance with the Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Guidelines and participate in evaluation and other quality assurance activities to ensure fidelity to the model. Our community partners offer groups which meet weekly from Ferndale to Spokane and places in between.

For More Information

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April 2018 – March 2019 Unduplicated Attendance (for all 5 groups):

- # children – 649
- # adults (parents and family, friend & neighbor caregivers) - 564

2018 Demographic Information – taken from the annual Kaleidoscope survey:

	Race/Ethnicity	% income under 200% FPL (for a family of 4)	Primary language spoken at home
Lake City	50% White 43% Asian 7% no response	0% (43% more than \$73,800)	43% English 43% language other than English 14% no response
Rainier Beach	36% White 23% Latino or Hispanic 19% Asian 14% African (this is distinct from African-American)	5% (27% more than \$73,800)	45% no response 36% English 9% Spanish
Columbia	39% Latino or Hispanic 39% White 19% Asian	16% (26% more than \$73,800)	48% English 19% Spanish 19% no response
Beacon Hill	87% Asian 4% Latino or Hispanic 4% White	13% (13% more than \$73,800)	65% Chinese 26% no response 9% English
Broadview	47% White 21% Asian 11% Latino or Hispanic	0% (47% more than \$73,800)	84% English 11% Spanish 5% Chinese



PROSPECTIVE Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Groups

(Child Care Resources would work to find fitting CBO partners to deliver the groups)

SPL Branch	Focus
High Point	Facilitated in Somali Second group facilitated in another East African language
Delridge	Spanish or Native focus Second group facilitated in Vietnamese
South Park (if there is sufficient space for a group to meet)	Facilitated in Spanish
New Holly (if there is sufficient space)	Facilitated in Somali and/or another East African language
Northgate	Facilitated bilingually (language TBD after a bit more research)
Lake City (in addition to the one currently offered by Denise Louie)	Facilitated in East African language or Mandarin
Columbia City (in addition to the one currently offered by Denise Louie in Spanish)	Facilitated in Vietnamese



CURRENT Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Groups

SPL Branch	Focus	CBO providing the Kaleidoscope group
Lake City Library	Multi-cultural; reflective of the neighborhood's diversity; includes a lot of grandparents and other extended family caregivers	Denise Louie Education Center
Rainier Beach Library	Multi-cultural; reflective of the neighborhood's diversity	Denise Louie Education Center
Beacon Hill Library	Facilitated in Mandarin, Cantonese and English; multi-cultural; a lot of grandparents	Chinese Information & Service Center
Broadview Library	Inclusive group with families from Wonderland's early intervention programs as well as families from the surrounding neighborhood	Wonderland Developmental Center
Columbia Library	Facilitated in Spanish; primarily Latinx immigrant families	Denise Louie Education Center

Baby Story Time

- Birth to 2-years-old
- Language: English

Toddler Story Time

- 2- to 3-years-old
- Language: English

Preschool Story Time

- 3- to 5-years-old
- Language: English

World Language Story Time

- Birth to 5-years-old
- Languages: Mandarin Chinese, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese

English and Bilingual Kaleidoscope Play and Learns

- Birth to 5-years-old
- Languages: English and Spanish
- Partnerships: Child Care Resources

2018		
	# of Programs	# of Attendees
Baby Story Time	465	20,678
Play and Learn	183	7,698
Preschool Story Time	304	13,046
Toddler Story Time	443	22,593
World Language Story Time	481	7,385
Other Story Time	990	35,340
Grand Total	2,866	106,740

		2018	
		# of Programs	# of Attendees
District 1			
Delridge	Preschool Story Time	6	45
	Other Story Time	43	530
	World Language Story Time	32	112
<i>Delridge Total</i>		<i>81</i>	<i>687</i>
High Point	Baby Story Time	44	1,714
	Toddler Story Time	16	238
	Other Story Time	36	843
<i>High Point Total</i>		<i>96</i>	<i>2,795</i>
South Park	Baby Story Time	1	12
	Preschool Story Time	41	718
	Other Story Time	12	177
	World Language Story Time	32	403
<i>South Park Total</i>		<i>86</i>	<i>1,310</i>
Southwest	Baby Story Time	42	1,456
	Toddler Story Time	20	953
	Other Story Time	49	2,552
<i>Southwest Total</i>		<i>111</i>	<i>4,961</i>
West Seattle	Baby Story Time	14	313
	Preschool Story Time	40	1,660
	Toddler Story Time	27	910
	Other Story Time	11	259
<i>West Seattle Total</i>		<i>92</i>	<i>3,142</i>
District 1 total		466	12,895

		# of	
District 1 summary		# of programs	attendees
	Baby Story Time	101	3,495
	Preschool Story Time	87	2,423
	Toddler Story Time	63	2,101
	World Story Time	64	515
	Other Story Time	151	4,361
	Play & Learn	-	-
District 1 total		466	12,895

		2018	
		# of Programs	# of Attendees
District 2			
Beacon Hill	Baby Story Time	23	665
	Play and Learn	46	1,949
	Preschool Story Time	21	534
	Toddler Story Time	21	864
	Other Story Time	11	203
	World Language Story Time	74	731
<i>Beacon Hill Total</i>		<i>196</i>	<i>4,946</i>
Columbia	Baby Story Time	23	802
	Play and Learn	38	1,536
	Toddler Story Time	25	781
	Other Story Time	23	229
	World Language Story Time	12	236
<i>Columbia Total</i>		<i>121</i>	<i>3,584</i>
International District	Other Story Time	1	35
	World Language Story Time	44	557
<i>International District Total</i>		<i>45</i>	<i>592</i>
New Holly	Preschool Story Time	4	66
	Other Story Time	30	1,292
	World Language Story Time	39	448
<i>New Holly Total</i>		<i>73</i>	<i>1,806</i>
Rainier Beach	Play and Learn	39	1,327
	Other Story Time	28	487
	World Language Story Time	48	364
<i>Rainier Beach Total</i>		<i>115</i>	<i>2,178</i>
District 2 total		550	13,106

District 2 summary		# of programs	# of attendees
	Baby Story Time	46	1,467
	Preschool Story Time	25	600
	Toddler Story Time	46	1,645
	World Story Time	217	2,336
	Other Story Time	93	2,246
	Play & Learn	123	4,812
District 2 total		550	13,106

		2018	
		# of Programs	# of Attendees
District 3			
Capitol Hill	Preschool Story Time	1	14
	Toddler Story Time	35	1,637
	Other Story Time	42	1,799
<i>Capitol Hill Total</i>		78	3,450
Douglass-Truth	Baby Story Time	52	1,156
	Preschool Story Time	6	467
	Toddler Story Time	21	1,017
	Other Story Time	77	3,423
<i>Douglass-Truth Total</i>		156	6,063
Madrona-Sally Goldm. Other Story Time		57	2,017
<i>Madrona-Sally Goldmark Total</i>		57	2,017
Montlake	Other Story Time	29	892
<i>Montlake Total</i>		29	892
District 3 total		320	12,422

		# of	
District 3 summary		# of programs	attendees
	Baby Story Time	52	1,156
	Preschool Story Time	7	481
	Toddler Story Time	56	2,654
	World Story Time	-	-
	Other Story Time	205	8,131
	Play & Learn	-	-
District 3 total		320	12,422

		2018	
		# of Programs	# of Attendees
District 4			
University	Preschool Story Time	35	1,169
	Other Story Time	39	734
	World Language Story Time	44	719
<i>University Total</i>		<i>118</i>	<i>2,622</i>
Wallingford	Other Story Time	35	1,132
<i>Wallingford Total</i>		<i>35</i>	<i>1,132</i>
District 4 total		153	3,754

		# of programs	# of attendees
District 4 summary			
	Baby Story Time	-	-
	Preschool Story Time	35	1,169
	Toddler Story Time	-	-
	World Story Time	44	719
	Other Story Time	74	1,866
	Play & Learn	-	-
District 4 total		153	3,754

		2018	
		# of Programs	# of Attendees
District 5			
Broadview	Baby Story Time	17	415
	Play and Learn	49	2,416
	Other Story Time	60	2,511
<i>Broadview Total</i>		<i>126</i>	<i>5,342</i>
Lake City	Play and Learn	11	470
	Other Story Time	74	2,567
	World Language Story Time	31	757
<i>Lake City Total</i>		<i>116</i>	<i>3,794</i>
North East	Baby Story Time	36	2,146
	Preschool Story Time	35	3,039
	Toddler Story Time	68	3,899
<i>North East Total</i>		<i>139</i>	<i>9,084</i>
Northgate	Baby Story Time	43	2,083
	Preschool Story Time	38	1,454
	Toddler Story Time	39	2,767
	Other Story Time	43	2,721
	World Language Story Time	79	1,679
<i>Northgate Total</i>		<i>242</i>	<i>10,704</i>
District 5 total		623	28,924

		# of
District 5 summary		# of programs attendees
	Baby Story Time	96 4,644
	Preschool Story Time	73 4,493
	Toddler Story Time	107 6,666
	World Story Time	110 2,436
	Other Story Time	177 7,799
	Play & Learn	60 2,886
District 5 total		623 28,924

		2018	
		# of Programs	# of Attendees
District 6			
Ballard	Baby Story Time	82	5,722
	Preschool Story Time	19	1,129
	Toddler Story Time	19	971
	Other Story Time	30	890
<i>Ballard Total</i>		<i>150</i>	<i>8,712</i>
Fremont	Other Story Time	43	814
<i>Fremont Total</i>		<i>43</i>	<i>814</i>
Green Lake	Baby Story Time	22	256
	Toddler Story Time	29	1,403
<i>Green Lake Total</i>		<i>51</i>	<i>1,659</i>
Greenwood	Baby Story Time	28	2,058
	Toddler Story Time	56	4,223
	Other Story Time	39	2,616
	World Language Story Time	21	758
<i>Greenwood Total</i>		<i>144</i>	<i>9,655</i>
District 6 total		388	20,840

		# of programs	# of attendees
District 6 summary			
	Baby Story Time	132	8,036
	Preschool Story Time	19	1,129
	Toddler Story Time	104	6,597
	World Story Time	21	758
	Other Story Time	112	4,320
	Play & Learn	-	-
District 6 total		388	20,840

		2018	
		# of Programs	# of Attendees

District 7

Central	Baby Story Time	38	1,880
	Preschool Story Time	58	2,751
	Toddler Story Time	36	1,647
	Other Story Time	24	566
	World Language Story Time	25	621
<i>Central Total</i>		<i>181</i>	<i>7,465</i>
Magnolia	Toddler Story Time	31	1,283
	Other Story Time	77	2,124
<i>Magnolia Total</i>		<i>108</i>	<i>3,407</i>
Queen Anne	Other Story Time	77	3,927
<i>Queen Anne Total</i>		<i>77</i>	<i>3,927</i>

District 7 total	366	14,799
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		# of	
District 7 summary		# of programs	attendees
	Baby Story Time	38	1,880
	Preschool Story Time	58	2,751
	Toddler Story Time	67	2,930
	World Story Time	25	621
	Other Story Time	178	6,617
	Play & Learn	-	-
District 7 total		366	14,799